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JURY CONVICTS ALIEN WITH FIVE PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS OF ATTEMPTING ILLEGALLY TO RE-ENTER THE UNITED STATES

RE: UNITED STATES v. DWAYNE WILLIAMS

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today the conviction, following a jury trial, of Dwayne Williams, age 26, of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, for attempting illegally to re-enter the United States after having been deported, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a), carrying a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Rogowski, who handled the case, stated that on June 17, 2003, the defendant was deported from the United States after having been previously convicted of five felony offenses in New York State. Four of those convictions were for burglarizing residences--crimes of violence under federal law--while the fifth involved controlled substances. Thereafter, on June 27, 2005, at the Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, New York, the defendant attempted illegally to re-enter the United States without having received the express permission or without having first obtained the permission of the Attorney General of the United States or his successor, the Secretary of the Department of

Homeland Security. Alert officers of the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection determined that the defendant's attempt to enter the United States was in violation of federal criminal law and arrested him.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, under the direction of James Engleman.

Sentencing is scheduled for October 18, 2006, before the Hon. Richard

J. Arcara, Chief Judge, United States District Court.